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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE OF JAN. 19

REFERENCE: GENEVA 341

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE TRANSMITTED REFTEL UPON CONCLUSION OF EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE BUT NEEDS CLARIFICATION ON SEVERAL ASPECTS. WHO ISSUED COMMUNIQUE, IN WHOSE NAME AND WHOSE DRAFT DOES IT LARGELY REPRESENT? WAS PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AND IF SO WHO WERE THE SPOKESMEN? WAS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED UNDER GENERAL UMBRELLA OF ILO, BY ILO WORKERS GROUP, OR INDEPENDENTLY BY PARTICIPATING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS? ARE CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE TO BE REFERRED IN ANY RESPECT TO THE ILO FOR CONSIDERATION AS IN CASE OF APARTHEID CONFERENCE?

2. STOCKHOLM'S 230 REPORTING SOVIET DELEGATE PIMENOV'S INTERVIEW SUGGESTS THAT SOVIETS SATISFIED WITH FORWARD MOMENTUM ACHIEVED AT THE CONFERENCE TOWARD ITS OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING EAST-WEST TRADE UNION UNITY OF ACTION IN EUROPE. WAS PROVISION MADE FOR A CONTINUING MECHANISM SUCH AS A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN FOR A FOLLOWUP MEETING?

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT SOONEST ON

SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS--FOR EXAMPLE, DGB VETTER'S REPORTED CRITICISM OF EASTERN EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR FAILURE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH WESTERN TRADE UNIONS IN RE THE OIL EMBARGO, AND THE EE
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